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STATEMENT ON SCHLEY'S APPEAL

President Says Nothing Was
Done to Warrant Unusual
Reward for Either.

IT WAS A CAPTAIN'S FIGHT

Clark Should Have Been Given
Wainwright's Advancement
—Wants the Matter
To Drop.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The president today made public the statement on Admiral Schley's appeal and the answer thereto from the navy department. The president says:

"I have examined both with the utmost care, as well as the preceding appeal to the secretary of the navy. I have read through all the testimony taken before the court and the statements of counsel for Admiral Sampson and Admiral Schley; have examined all official reports of every kind in reference to the Santiago naval campaign, and have also personally had before me the four surviving captains from the five ships, as well as those of the two admirals, which were actively engaged at Santiago.

"It appears that the court of inquiry was unanimous in its findings of fact and unanimous in its expressions of opinion and most of its findings of fact. No appeal is made to me from the verdict of the court on these points, where it was unanimous. I have, however, gone carefully over the evidence on these points also. I am satisfied that, on the whole, the court did substantial justice.

WHERE SCHLEY ERRED.

"It should have specifically condemned the failure to enforce an efficient night blockade at Santiago while Admiral Schley was in command. On the other hand, I feel that there is a reasonable doubt whether he did not move his squadron with sufficient expedition from port to port. The court is united in condemning Admiral Schley's action on the point where it seems to me he most gravely erred, his 'retrograde movement,' when he abandoned the blockade and his disobedience of orders and misstatement of facts in relation thereto.

"It should be remembered, however, that the majority of these actions which the court censures occurred five weeks or more before the fight itself, and it certainly seems that if Admiral Schley's actions were censurable he should not have been left as second in command, under Admiral Sampson. His offenses were in effect condoned when he was not called to account for them. Admiral Sampson, after the fight, in an official letter to the department, alluded for the first time to Admiral Schley's 'reprehensible conduct' six weeks previously. If Admiral Schley was guilty of reprehensible conduct of any kind which called for such notice from Admiral Sampson, then Admiral Sampson ought not to have left him as senior officer of the blockading squadron on the third of July, when he (Sampson) steamed away on his proper errand of communication with General Shafter.

QUESTION OF COMMAND.

"We can, therefore, for our present purposes, dismiss consideration of so much of the appeal as relates to anything except the battle. As regards this, the point raised in the appeal is between Admiral Sampson and Schley as to which was in command and as to which was entitled to the credit, if either of them was really entitled to any unusual and pre-eminent credit by any special exhibit of genius, skill and courage. The court could have considered both of these questions, but as a matter of fact it unanimously excluded the evidence offered upon them and through its pre-announced refusal to hear Admiral Sampson's side at all, and in view of such exclusion, a majority of the court acted with entire propriety in not expressing any opinion on this point. The matter has, however, been raised by the president of the court. However, it is a point upon which Admiral Schley in his appeal lays most stress, and which he especially asks me to consider.

"The appeal of Admiral Schley to me is not, as to this, the chief point he raises, really an appeal from the decision of the court of inquiry. Five-sixths of the appeal is devoted to this question of command and credit; that is, to the matter which the court of inquiry did not consider. It is in effect an appeal from the action of President McKinley three years ago, when he sent in recommendations for promotion for various officers connected with the Santiago squadron, basing

these recommendations upon his estimate of credit to which the officers were respectively entitled.

"What I have to decide, therefore, is whether or not President McKinley did injustice in the matter. This necessarily involves a comparison of the actions of the different commanders engaged. Exhaustive official reports of the action leave little to be brought out anew; but as the question of Admiral Sampson's right to be considered in chief command, which was determined in his favor by President McKinley and later by the court of claims, has never hitherto been officially revised, I deemed it best to secure statements from commanders of the five ships (other than the Brooklyn and New York) which were actively engaged in the fight."

WAS CAPTAIN'S FIGHT.

The president then includes statements from the five captains and says:

"The question as to which one of the two men, Admiral Sampson or Admiral Schley was at the time in command is of merely a nominal character. It was a captain's fight."

"Therefore the credit to which of the two is entitled, rests on matters apart from the claim of nominal command over the squadron; for, so far as the actual fight was concerned, neither one or the other, in fact, exercised any command. Sampson was hardly more than technically in the fight. His real claim for credit rests upon his work as commander-in-chief; upon the excellence of the blockade; upon the preparedness of the squadron; upon the arrangement of the ships ahead in a semi-circle around the harbor and the standing orders in accordance with which they constantly moved to the attack of the Spaniards when the latter appeared. For all these things, credit is his.

"WHAT BROOKLYN DID.
"Admiral Schley is rightfully entitled—as is Captain Cook—to the credit of what the Brooklyn did in the fight. (Continued on Fourth Page.)

HER PLANS THWARTED

AMERICAN GIRL UNABLE
TO BURY SISTER'S BODY

Held for Two Months in Glasgow Hotel—Wanted It Interred on American Soil.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The discovery that a coffin containing the body of a New York girl had laid in a Glasgow, Scotland, hotel for two months has just been made, says a Glasgow dispatch to the Journal and American.

The sister of the dead girl had the body embalmed to take to New York but was unable to sail in January as she had planned. Then she bought a leaden coffin and had the body placed in it. She contrived to keep secret the fact that she had placed the coffin in a private room of the hotel. In the meantime she tried to sell her business, meaning to sail every day, but did not succeed until Tuesday.

Suspicious hotel employees then notified the health board and the authorities caused the coffin to be transferred to the morgue. The sister who guarded the body so zealously absolutely refused to reveal her name. She will sail Thursday for New York with the coffin.

The authorities and the hotel proprietors refuse to give the name of the young woman who thus heroically labored to secure for her sister a burial in the land she loved—America.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Ex-Soldier in San Francisco Charged With Shooting Annie Anderson.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Frank Almborg, an ex-soldier, has been arrested on suspicion of being the man who shot Annie Anderson on Ashberry street Sunday night. Almborg denies knowing anything about the shooting. He claims that he will be able to prove that he was not in the vicinity of the attempted murder. Police Officer Nelson, who arrested him, believes that he is the right man. The police are inclined to the theory that the murderous assault on the young woman was done by a jealous lover, who mistook Miss Anderson for a woman against whom he had vowed vengeance for rejecting him.

TEXAS OUTLAW CAPTURED.

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 19.—Ramon Galingo, leader of the island band of outlaws who in 1893 ambushed and killed Captain Jones, of the First Texas Rangers, has been captured by Ed. Bryant, an ex-ranger. Galingo has been hiding but recently became involved in a shooting affray in Dona Ana County, N. M., and his return from old Mexico was reported to the officers here who have since been on the lookout for him.

INDIAN MEASURE WAS FORGOTTEN

Wheeler's Late Speech Again
Made Topic For Eloquent Debate.

BOUTELLE TRACES HISTORY

Entertains the House in Witty
Speech on Previous Visits
of Royalty—Others
Take Part.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Again today the general debate on the Indian appropriation bill was devoted almost entirely to extraneous topics. As on yesterday, the issue raised by Wheeler, of Kentucky, a few days ago, came in for considerable attention and was the feature of the session.

Bromwell, of Ohio, Republican; Kern, of Illinois, Democrat, and Fleming, of Georgia, Democrat, added their views to the literature on the subject, but Boutelle, of Illinois, Republican, entertained the house most. He was well fortified with material and with exceedingly good temper and a trenchant display of wit, he traced the history of what Wheeler had called "truculent sycophancy," as he said, from the day when the first Democratic president purchased the bogus coat of arms to the entertainment of Queen Liliouokalani, by the last Democratic president.

He finally dismissed the whole subject by saying it should be accepted abroad as one of the erratic and sporadic phases of American humor.

Hamilton, of Michigan, Republican, enlivened the proceedings with an entertaining speech on trusts.

Boutelle proceeded with delicate humor to trace the origin of what Mr. Wheeler had called "truculent sycophancy." First he read a letter written by Thomas Jefferson in 1771, in which he authorized the purchase of a coat of arms for him, and from another written four years later, in which he said that he would rather be dependent on Great Britain "than any other country or than none." Then he passed down to the days of Martin Van Buren and told of the visit of his son, John, to the court of St. James, which earned for him the sobriquet of "Prince John," by which he was known afterwards. Boutelle said that he felt sure that when the daughter of the president returned from the coronation of Edward VII, she would not be known as "Princess Alice."

Boutelle then told a story of the coronation of the Czar of Russia in 1896 and of the appearance on that occasion of the Democratic ambassador, Clifton R. Breckinridge, of Arkansas, in full court costume, knee breeches and all. Breckinridge was, he said, amid laughter, a native of Lexington, Kentucky.

"He has been dead politically ever since," interjected Fitzgerald, of New York.

Boutelle then described the reception of the Queen of Hawaii to Washington and the honor shown her by President Cleveland.

PRICES GO UP.

Scarcity of Oysters and Fish in New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Great scarcity of oysters and fish is prevalent here, owing to the recent heavy storms. Oysters have gone up 10 per cent in price and the market men are unable to fill all orders because of the crippled transportation facilities. There has been an advance of 500 per cent in the prices of some kinds of fish.

Nearly all the fishing schooners at Fulton market remain tied to the wharves because of the lack of clam bait.

LEAVE FOR SCENE OF BATTLE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A number of local sporting men of prominence have just started for Cincinnati, where they will join the McGovern party and witness the McGovern-Sullivan fight at Louisville Saturday night.

IMPORTANT INVENTION.

Appliance That Makes Dentistry and Surgical Operations Painless.

AKRON, O., Feb. 19.—Thomas W. McCue, of this place, has invented a machine which Thomas A. Edison declared to be the coming invention of the age. For five years Mr. McCue has been at work upon an electrical machine which will make dentistry and surgical operations of all kinds painless. And that he has succeeded has been demonstrated by the fact

that by its means five nerves have been removed from teeth without the patient feeling any pain whatever. Mr. Edison, who frequently visits Akron, the former home of his wife, has examined thoroughly the machine and expects to come to Akron soon for the express purpose of having an operation performed upon two molars which have heretofore defied the dentist.

Mr. McCue's machine, in effect, short circuits the pain and prevents it from reaching the brain. A feat has been accomplished which all electricians declared to be impossible—namely the reduction of the electrical current to the one hundred thousandth part of a volt.

NEW FREIGHT SERVICE.

Departure of Steamer Meteor From San Francisco for Hawaiian Ports.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—The departure of the steamship Meteor for Honolulu and other Hawaiian ports, via Seattle and Puget Sound points, marks the beginning of a new ocean freight service between San Francisco and the islands.

The Meteor is owned by the Globe Navigation Company, and is one of a trio of fast freighters which will hereafter leave this port every 30 days and compete with the Spreckels' line and the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co. for the sugar carrying and general merchandise trade. The other vessels are the Tampico and the Eureka, each of 3600 tons. None of them will carry passengers.

SKIBO TO GO TO FLORIDA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The pleasure yacht Skibo, built for Mrs. Andrew Carnegie, has been towed from Nixons ship yard to Brooklyn, where it will be furnished and taken to Florida waters. There Mrs. Carnegie will use the boat during the spring.

PAYS TO BE COURTEOUS

CONDUCTOR REMEMBERED
BY A MILLIONAIRE.

Bequeathed \$1000 for Courtesies
Extended on the Chicago
and Alton Road.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Llewellyn Mason, a conductor on the Chicago & Alton Railroad, has just received assurance that courtesy to the traveling public sometimes has its reward. When the will of W. A. Tyler, a Bloomington millionaire was probated yesterday it was found to contain the following clause:

"To Llewellyn Mason, I bequeath the sum of \$1000 in recognition of the courteous treatment accorded me while traveling on Alton road."

Conductor Mason is over 60 years old and has been a conductor on the Alton for nearly 30 years. He now runs a suburban train between Chicago and Alton.

Millionaire Tyler was exceedingly curious when traveling and was wont to ask many questions. In 1888 he happened to take a train upon which young Mason and the latter spent all of his spare time on the run to Chicago in talking to him. Three or four times each year Mason carried the rich man between Jacksonville and Chicago and later between Bloomington and Chicago and he never once forgot the old man's questions.

"Mr. Tyler made the last trip with me four years ago and had almost passed from my mind," said Mason yesterday.

CRUELTY CHARGES ARE DISPROVED

Documents Bearing on Conduct
of American Troops
in Philippines.

INQUIRY MADE BY LODGE

Reports of Cruelty Have Proved
To Be Either Unfounded
Or Grossly Exaggerated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Responding to an inquiry from Senator Lodge, the secretary of war today sent to him a large number of papers bearing upon the charge that cruelty is practiced by American troops on the natives in the Philippines. Senator Lodge presented the documents in the senate.

Among the documents forwarded are the records of 13 investigations into such charges, and the secretary says that "every report or charge of this description which has at any time been brought to the attention of the war department has been made the subject of prompt investigation."

He adds that in substantially every case inquired into the report has proved to be either unfounded or grossly exaggerated.

TARIFF BILL DISCUSSED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The senate continued consideration of the Philippine tariff bill today, the main speeches being made by Burrows, of Michigan, for the bill, and Money, of Mississippi, against it, although Mitchell, of Oregon; Forsaker, of Ohio; Malory, of Florida; and Tillman, of South Carolina all took more or less part in the general debate on the subject.

QUEER FREAK OF NATURE.

Santa Catalina Islands Said to Be Sinking Into Pacific Ocean.

BERKELEY, Cal., Feb. 19.—Professor William E. Ritter, of the University of California, has made the discovery that Santa Catalina Island, the famous pleasure resort, is slowly sinking into the Pacific ocean.

While dredging for marine animals on the coast of the island he found positive evidence in rocks and shell fish that the island beach had once extended three-quarters of a mile from the present low tide limit. He estimates that the island is now 270 feet lower than it was formerly. This movement is apparently going on now, while the mainland coast opposite Catalina is slowly rising.

DIAMOND THIEF ARRESTED.

PORTLAND, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Montreal, Canada, states that Charles Savage and his wife (colored), who are wanted here on a charge of robbing Albert F. Lowenthal of \$10,000 worth of diamonds last November, were arrested there today.

PRICE OF BROOMS GO UP.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Delegates of the Broom Manufacturers Association of the United States, at the conclusion of their two days' special meeting here today, raised the price of all brooms 25 cents a dozen. The executive committee of the association was empowered to make a further advance up to the limit of 50 cents a dozen.

St. Louis, Feb. 1st, 1902.

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